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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67718

Kozo AOKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/019,249

Group Art Unit: 1625

Confirmation No.: 1284

Examiner: Patricia L. MORRIS

Filed: June 05, 2002

For: BENZIMIDAZOLE COMPOUNDS AND MEDICAMENTS COMPRISING THE SAME

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith, a petition and fee to extend the time period for reply to the Office Action dated August 5, 2002, to October 7, 2002 (October 5, 2002, being a Saturday).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 13 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A benzimidazole compound represented by the following formula

(I) or a salt thereof:

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02 FC:102 84.00 CH